



**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR
HARRY J. COURTNEY**

**COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR,
CALIFORNIA ARMY NATIONAL GUARD**

Command Sergeant Major Harry J. Courtney was appointed as the Command Sergeant Major, California Army National Guard on 1 May 2004. Prior to this assignment Command Sergeant Major Courtney was appointed as the State Command Sergeant Major for the California National Guard and served as the Senior Enlisted Advisor to The

Adjutant General of the California National Guard for a five year period.

Command Sergeant Major Courtney enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, served in the Republic of South Vietnam from 1967 through 1968 and was discharged in 1969. He joined the Massachusetts Army National Guard in 1972, and in 1984 he transferred to the 40th Infantry Division (M), California Army National Guard where he served as the Equal Opportunity NCO for Second Brigade.

After transferring to First Battalion 149th Armor, he served in a series of responsible positions culminating as First Sergeant of Headquarters, First Battalion 149th Armor just prior to his selection as Battalion Operations Sergeant Major. In 1996, Sergeant Major Courtney transferred to Second Battalion 159th Infantry, where he served as Command Sergeant Major.

Command Sergeant Major Courtney's military awards include the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with Bronze Oakleaf Cluster, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Humanitarian Service Medal with Bronze Oakleaf Cluster, the California Medal of Merit and the California Commendation Medal with Bronze Oakleaf Cluster.

Command Sergeant Major Courtney holds two Bachelor of Arts degrees from Northeastern University; the first in Law Enforcement and the second in Security. He is also a graduate of the Sergeants Major Academy, Fort Bliss, Texas.

He is an active member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, Sergeants Major Association, National Guard Association of the United States, American Legion, American Veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam and the Disabled American Veterans.